



**MARVEL**  
COMICS  
GROUP

HERE COMES...

# DAREDEVIL



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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



"THERE SHALL COME A  
**GLADIATOR!**"



**DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**

**"THERE SHALL COME A  
GLADIATOR!"**

INTO A STRANGE, EAST SIDE *COSTUME*  
SHOP WALKS FRANKLIN "FOGGY"  
NELSON, AND ANOTHER STARTLING  
SAGA THUS BEGINS...

KAREN IS ABOUT 99%  
CONVINCED THAT I'M  
REALLY DAREDEVIL!

BUT, SHE  
STILL HASN'T  
SAID SHE'LL  
MARRY ME!

SO I'VE GOT  
TO CONVINCE  
HER 100%!  
... AND THIS  
IS THE PLACE  
TO DO IT!

**FRANTIC FOOTNOTE:**  
SMILEY JUST HAD TIME  
TO WRITE THE FIRST SEVEN  
PAGES BEFORE DASHING  
SOUTH FOR HIS FIRST  
VACATION IN YEARS! SO  
GIVE A CHEER FOR DANDY  
DENNY O'NEIL WHO  
BRAVELY SCRIPTED THE  
BALANCE OF THIS EVER-  
LOVIN' EPIC!

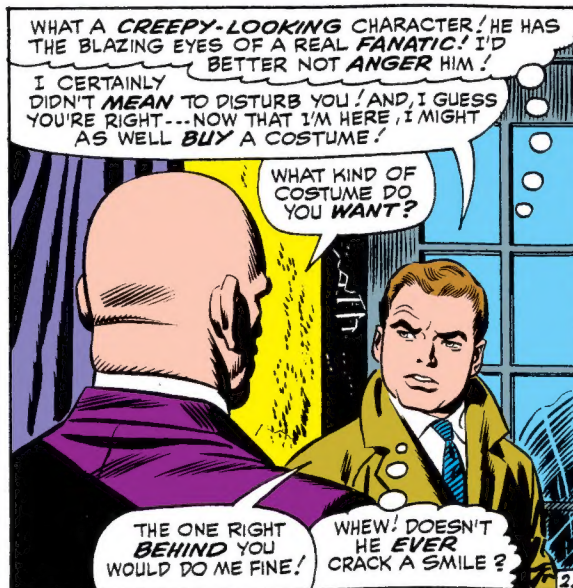
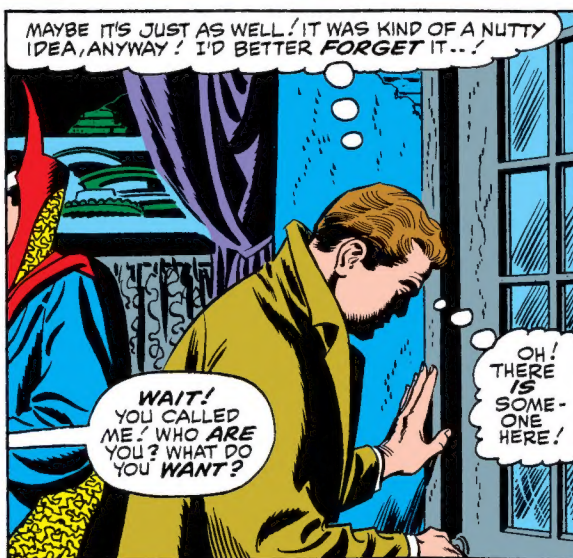
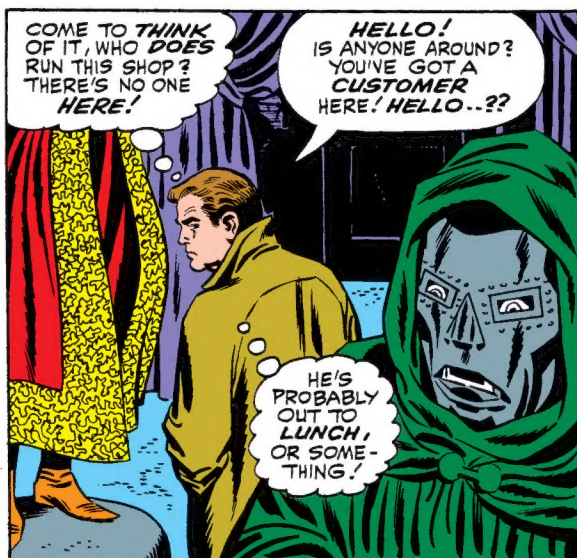
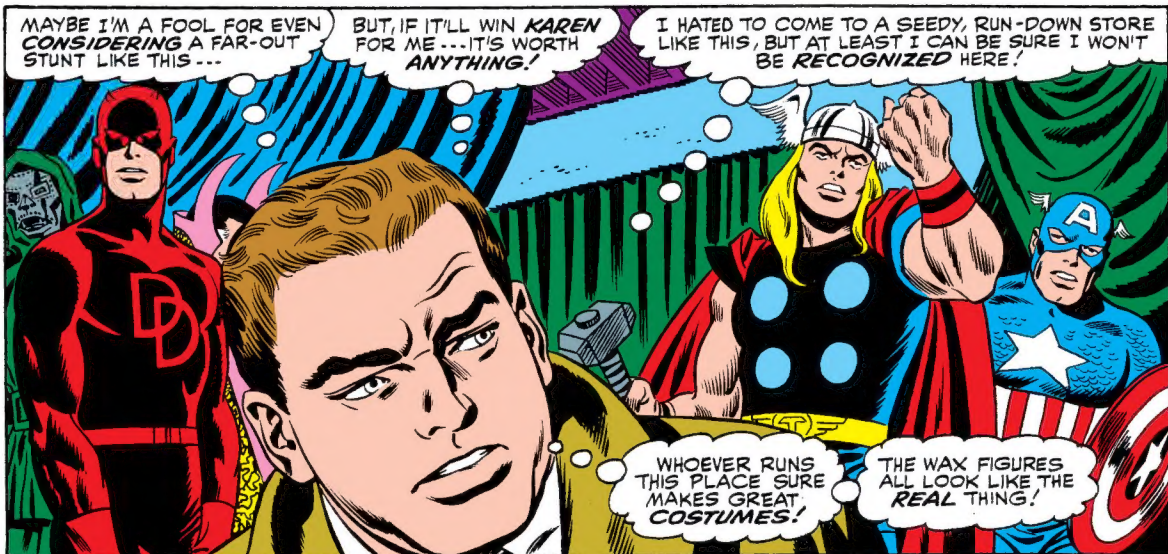
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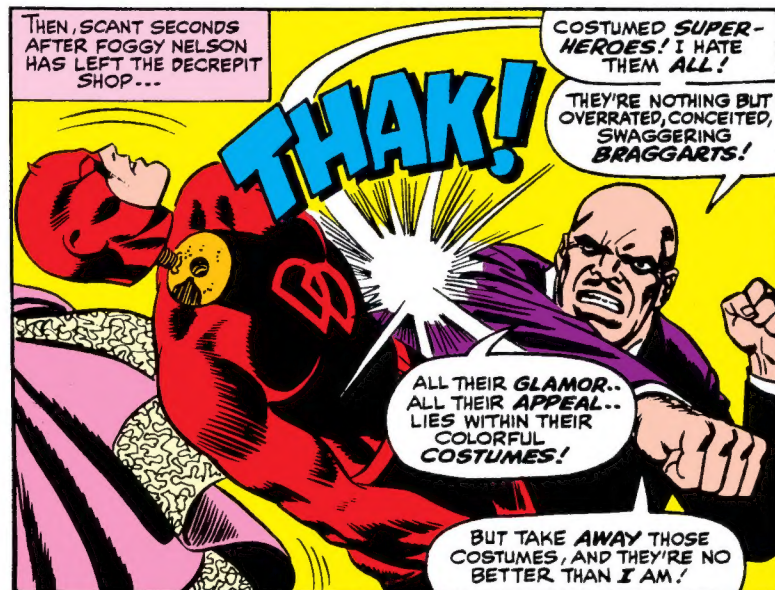
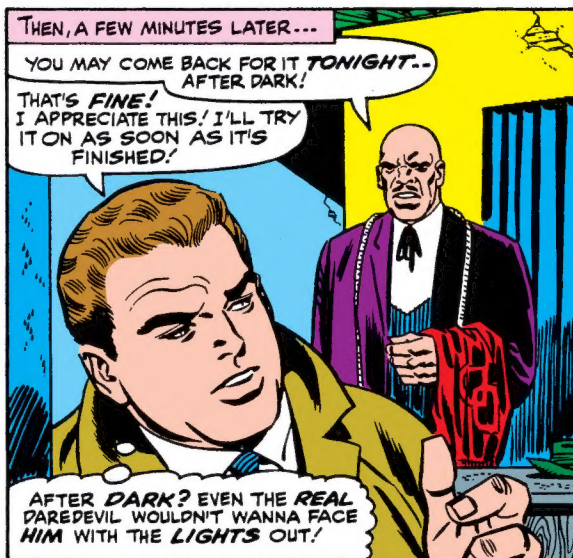
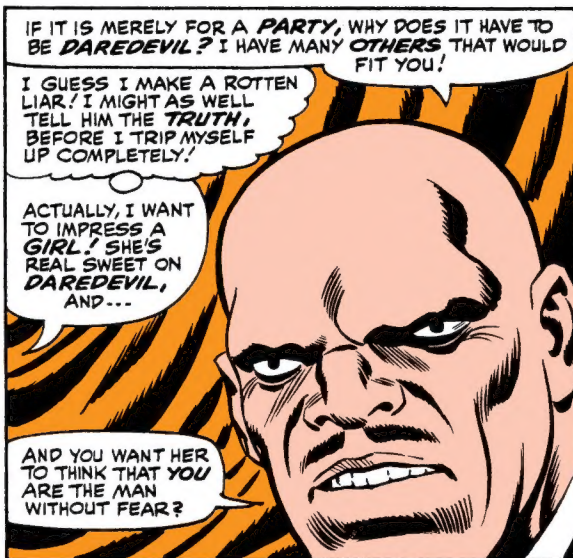
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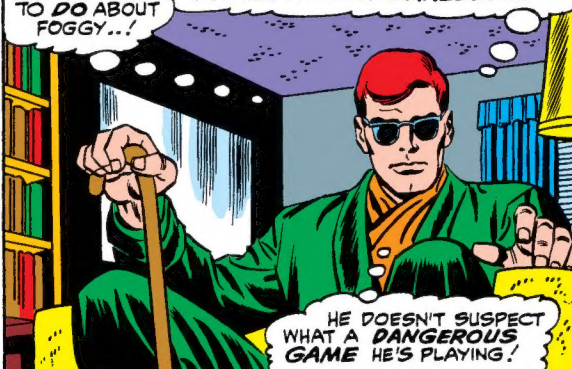




BUT, IF YOU'RE LIKE **MOST** OF OUR ROLICKIN' READERS, YOU WANNA GET A GLIMPSE OF THE **REAL** DAREDEVIL ONCE IN A WHILE... JUST FOR KICKS! AND SO, WE SWITCH OUR SCENE TO A QUIET APARTMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN, WHERE WE FIND THE SIGHTLESS MATT MURDOCK, LOST IN THOUGHT...

I STILL CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO **DO** ABOUT FOGGY...

EVERY CHANCE HE GETS, HE TRIES TO DROP A NEW HINT TO KAREN THAT HE'S ACTUALLY **DAREDEVIL**!



HE DOESN'T SUSPECT WHAT A **DANGEROUS** GAME HE'S PLAYING!

YET, I CAN'T **EXPOSE** HIM WITHOUT REVEALING THE FACT THAT **I'M** DAREDEVIL!

BESIDES WHICH --- HE'S MY **FRIEND**! HE'D NEVER FORGIVE ME IF I SPOILED HIS LITTLE DECEPTION! I COULDN'T LET **THAT** HAPPEN!



BUT, HE DOESN'T REALIZE THE DEADLY **CHANCE** HE'S TAKING!

IF ANY OF MY OLD **ENEMIES** SHOULD THINK THAT FOGGY IS ME...

...IT WOULD BE HIS **FINISH**!



AND I'D ALWAYS FEEL I WAS TO **BLAME**!

JUST CAN'T **THINK**! I'VE GOT TO CLEAR AWAY THE **COBWEBS**!



I NEED **EXERCISE**... **ACTION**! IT'S TIME TO VISIT MY HIDDEN **LOWER-FLOOR GYM**...

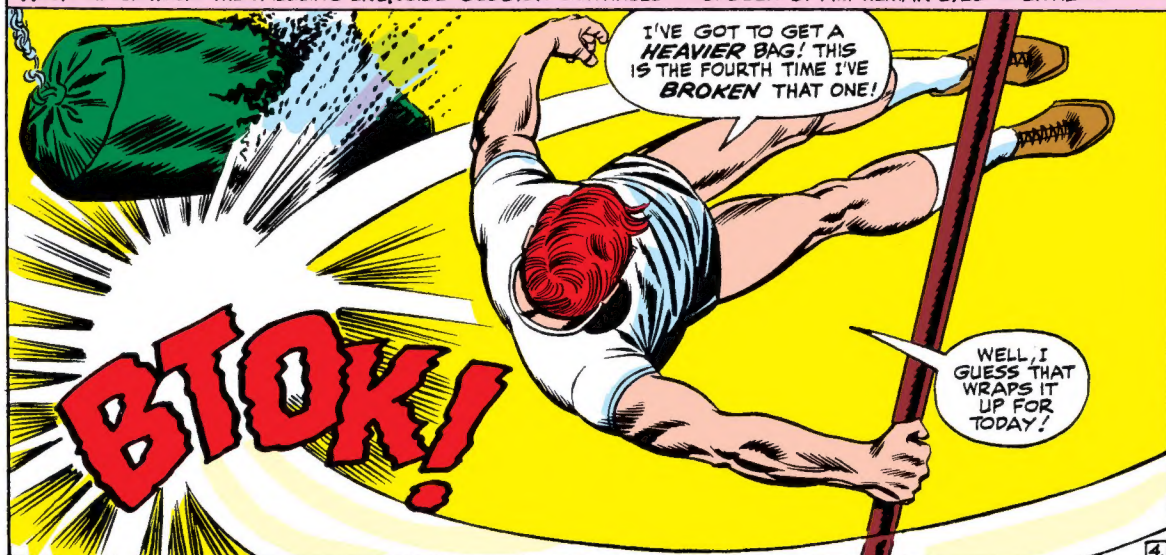
WITHIN SECONDS, THE QUIET ATTORNEY IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE DYNAMIC **MAN WITHOUT FEAR** --- UTILIZING EACH OF HIS SUPER-KEEN, SUPER-POWERFUL SENSES...

AH... **THIS** IS WHAT I NEEDED...

A CHANCE TO MOVE... TO LEAP.. TO BE THE MAN I **WANT** TO BE... I **MUST** BE... ALWAYS!



Hour after hour the dazzling exercise session continues... UNSEEN BY ANY HUMAN EYES... UNTIL...



I'VE GOT TO GET A **HEAVIER** BAG! THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE **BROKEN** THAT ONE!

WELL, I GUESS THAT WRAPS IT UP FOR TODAY!



A SHORT TIME LATER, HAVING TAKEN THE MORNING OFF, MATT MURDOCK REACHES THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK AT NOON, TO FIND...

MY **RADAR SENSE** DETECTS KAREN AND FOGGY THROUGH THE WALL...STANDING CLOSE TO EACH OTHER...

I CAN HEAR HIM ASKING HER OUT TO DINNER TONIGHT!

...AND HER WHISPERED REPLY IS EQUALLY AUDIBLE TO ME...AS SHE SAYS YES!

BUT NOW, I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER TO ACT THE PART OF AN ORDINARY BLIND MAN...

HELLO! IS ANY-BODY HERE?

OH, MATT! COME IN! WE WONDERED WHERE YOU WERE!

MATT! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! I ALWAYS WORRY SO WHEN YOU'RE WALKING AROUND TOWN ALONE!

YOU **SHOULDN'T** WORRY, KAREN! I'M ALWAYS VERY CAREFUL, YOU KNOW...AND I USUALLY WAIT TILL SOMEONE HELPS ME CROSS THE STREET!

AND REMEMBER KAREN...IF MATT EVER **DOES** GET IN TROUBLE, DAREDEVIL...I MEAN, I'M ALWAYS HERE TO COME TO HIS AID!

HE'S STILL TRYING TO MAKE HER BELIEVE THAT HE'S DAREDEVIL!

IF ONLY **SPIDER-MAN** HADN'T PUT THAT FOOL IDEA INTO HIS HEAD! \*

\* REMEMBER HOW IT HAPPENED IN ISH #16 + #17? IF NOT, SEE US AFTER CLASS!...SMILEY.

MATT, IF EVER I SEEM TO BE **MISSING** FOR A FEW DAYS, DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF ABOUT IT. YOU SEE, I HAVE SOME, EH, BUSINESS MATTERS TO TAKE CARE OF WHICH I CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT!

OH, FOGGY...FOGGY! DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE PLAYING WITH FIRE?

NOT ONLY IS HE ENDANGERING HIMSELF, BUT KAREN AS WELL!

AND ME...BY DRAWING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO ALL OF US!

HOWEVER, EVENING FINALLY WRAPS THE GREAT CITY IN ITS SHADY EMBRACE, AS...BEFORE CALLING FOR KAREN PAGE, FOGGY RETURNS TO THE GLOOMY COSTUME SHOP...

I HOPE MY DAREDEVIL DUDS ARE READY FOR ME!

I'LL FOLD THE COSTUME IN MY **DESK DRAWER**, AND THEN CASUALLY ASK KAREN TO GET ME SOMETHING FROM THE DESK!

SHE'LL BE SURE TO FIND IT!

THE MORE CONVINCED SHE IS THAT I'M **DAREDEVIL**, THE MORE **GLAMOROUS** I'LL SEEM TO HER...AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!

I WONDER WHERE MERRY MR. SUNSHINE IS HIDING?

OH, THERE'S A LIGHT ON IN THE **BACK**--HE MUST NOT HAVE HEARD ME!





THERE HE IS! BUT, HE'S NOT WORKING ON **MY** COSTUME! HE'S CONCENTRATING AS THOUGH HIS **LIFE** DEPENDS UPON IT!

WISH I COULD SEE BETTER!



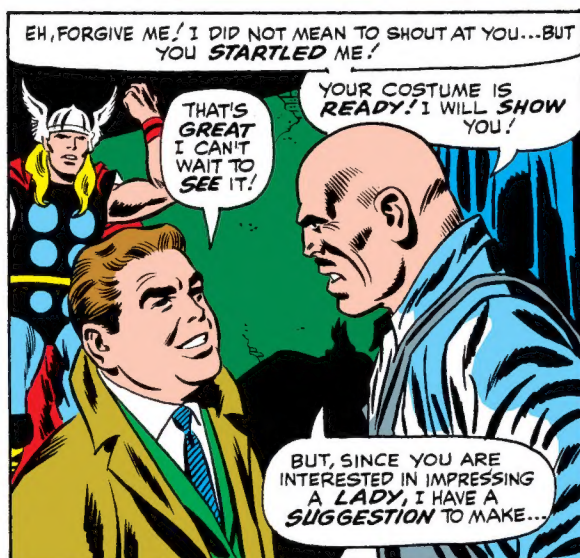
JUST THEN...

**YOU!!**

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?  
HOW MUCH DID YOU SEE??!

TAKE IT **EASY** THERE! YOU **TOLD** ME TO COME AFTER DARK, REMEMBER? I'M JUST HERE FOR MY **DAREDEVIL** SUIT!

WHAT'S HE SO **EXCITED** ABOUT? HE'S ONLY WORKING ON **ANOTHER** COSTUME!



EH, FORGIVE ME! I DID NOT MEAN TO SHOUT AT YOU... BUT YOU **STARTLED** ME!

THAT'S **GREAT** I CAN'T WAIT TO **SEE** IT!

YOUR COSTUME IS **READY!** I WILL **SHOW** YOU!

BUT, SINCE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN IMPRESSING A **LADY**, I HAVE A **SUGGESTION** TO MAKE...



WHY NOT BATTLE A **SUPER-VILLAIN** IN YOUR **DAREDEVIL** SUIT... WHILE THE **LADY** IS **WATCHING**? THEN REMOVE YOUR **MASK**, AND SHE WILL NEVER AGAIN DOUBT YOUR **IDENTITY**!

GOOD IDEA, EXCEPT FOR **ONE** THING... I DON'T MIND **LOOKING** LIKE **DAREDEVIL**... BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO **FIGHT** LIKE HIM!

WHAT CHANCE WOULD I HAVE AGAINST A **REAL** **SUPER-STRONG** MENACE?

YOU COULDN'T **LOSE** IF YOU FOLLOW MY **PLAN**!

OKAY, I'M **HOOKED**! WHAT'S THE **PITCH**?



I HAVE MANY **SINISTER VILLAIN** SUITS IN MY SHOP! FOR A PRICE, I COULD HIRE SOMEONE TO **WEAR** ONE, AND **PRETEND** TO ATTACK YOU!

I GET IT! THE FIGHT WOULD BE A **PHONY**... JUST STAGED TO IMPRESS **KAREN**!

WHAT HAVE I GOT TO **LOSE**? IT SOUNDS COMPLETELY **FOOLPROOF**!

ALL RIGHT!... I'LL **DO** IT!

I **THOUGHT** YOU WOULD!



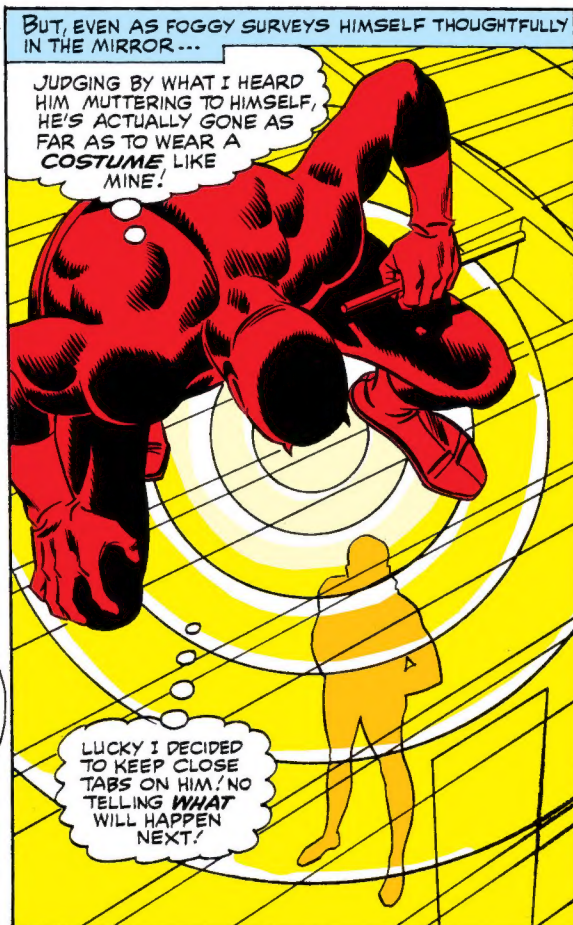
**SECONDS LATER...**

IS EVERYTHING ALL **CLEAR** THEN?

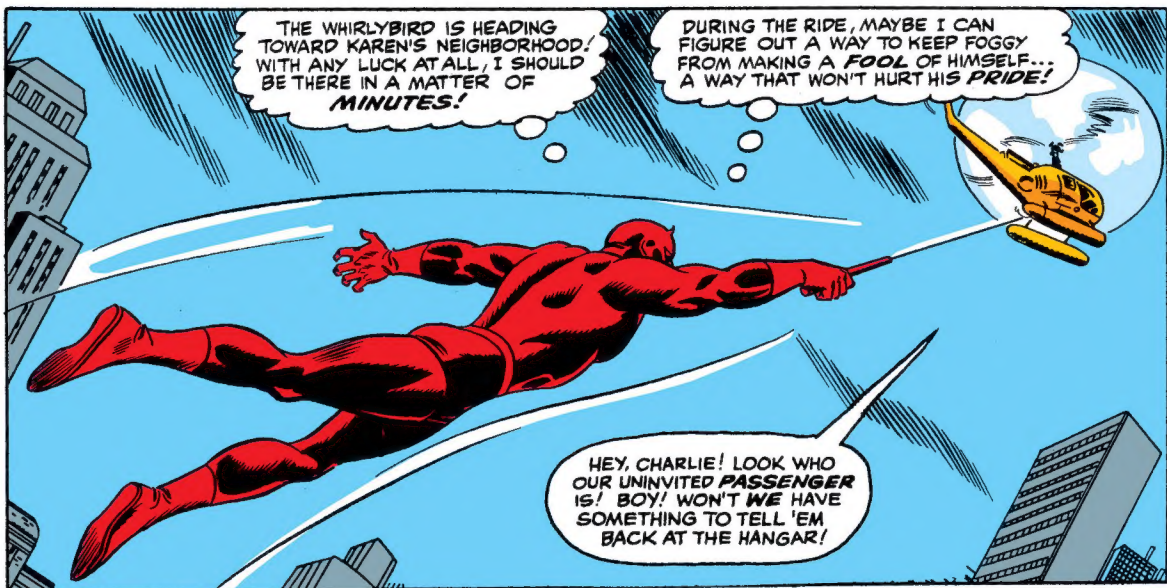
DON'T WORRY! SOMEONE WILL **BE** THERE... TO ATTACK **DAREDEVIL**!

AND **YOU**, MY UN-SUSPECTING **FOOL**, WILL GET FAR MORE **ACTION** THAN YOU HAVE EVER **BARGAINED** FOR!





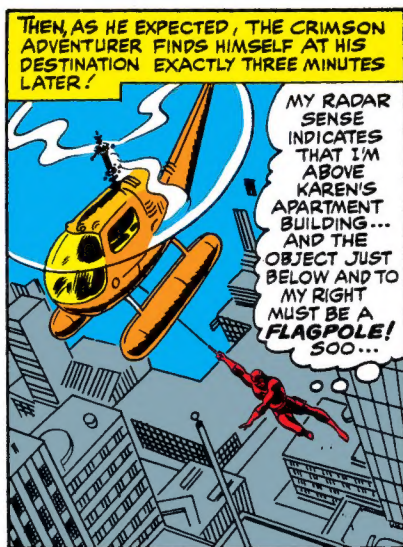




THE WHIRLYBIRD IS HEADING TOWARD KAREN'S NEIGHBORHOOD! WITH ANY LUCK AT ALL, I SHOULD BE THERE IN A MATTER OF **MINUTES!**

DURING THE RIDE, MAYBE I CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO KEEP FOGGY FROM MAKING A **FOOL** OF HIMSELF... A WAY THAT WON'T HURT HIS **PRIDE!**

HEY, CHARLIE! LOOK WHO OUR UNINVITED **PASSENGER** IS! BOY! WON'T **WE** HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL 'EM BACK AT THE HANGAR!



THEN, AS HE EXPECTED, THE CRIMSON ADVENTURER FINDS HIMSELF AT HIS DESTINATION EXACTLY THREE MINUTES LATER!

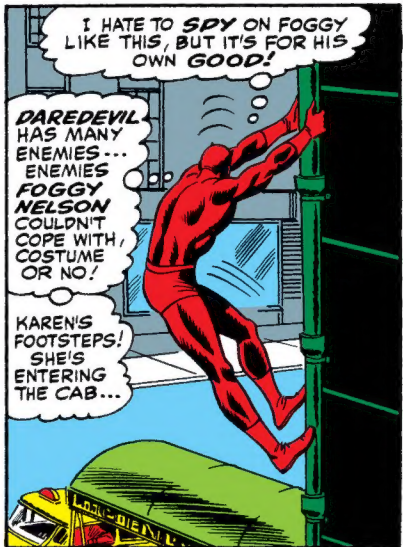
MY RADAR SENSE INDICATES THAT I'M ABOVE KAREN'S APARTMENT BUILDING... AND THE OBJECT JUST BELOW AND TO MY RIGHT MUST BE A **FLAGPOLE!** SOO...



WITHOUT FLAGPOLES, I'M **ONE** SUPER-HERO WHO'D BE OUT OF BUSINESS!

BELOW, IN THE STREET, I HEAR FOGGY ORDERING HIS CAB DRIVER TO WAIT FOR HIM!

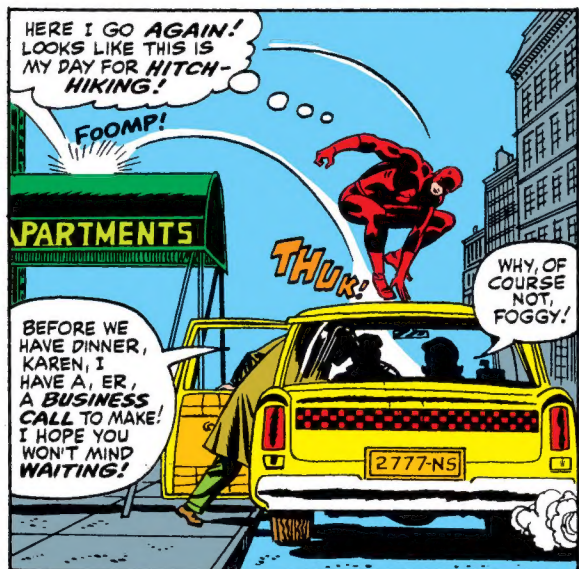
ANOTHER MINUTE AND I'D HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!



I HATE TO **SPY** ON FOGGY LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S FOR HIS OWN **GOOD!**

**DAREDEVIL** HAS MANY ENEMIES... ENEMIES **FOGGY NELSON** COULDN'T COPE WITH. COSTUME OR NO!

KAREN'S FOOTSTEPS! SHE'S ENTERING THE CAB...



HERE I GO **AGAIN!** LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY DAY FOR **HITCH-HIKING!**

**FOOMP!**

**THUR!**

BEFORE WE HAVE DINNER, KAREN, I HAVE A, ER, A **BUSINESS CALL** TO MAKE! I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND **WAITING!**

WHY, OF COURSE NOT, **FOGGY!**



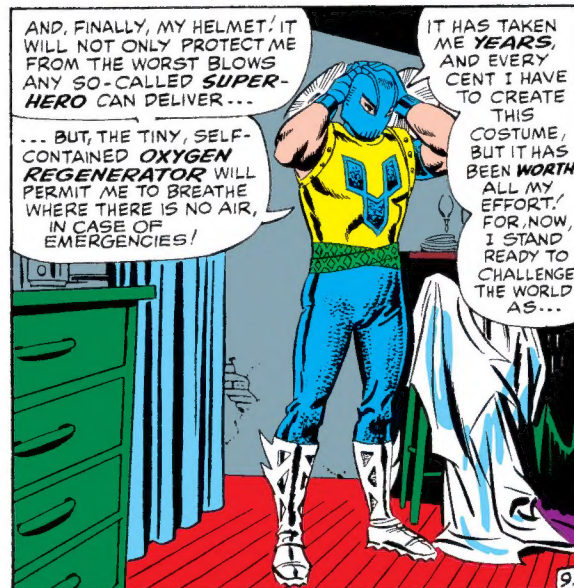
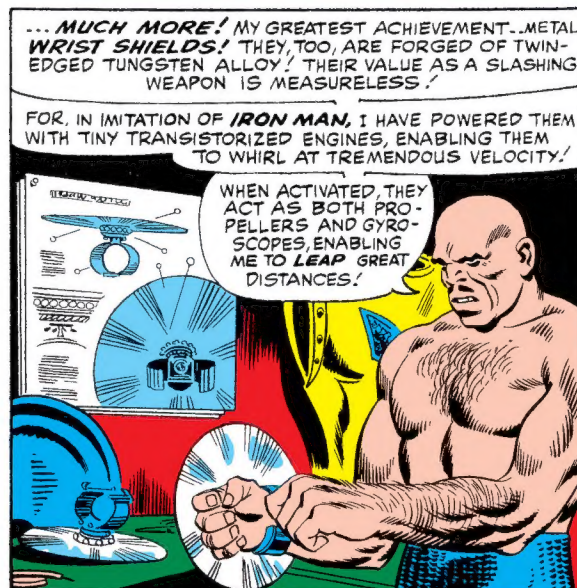
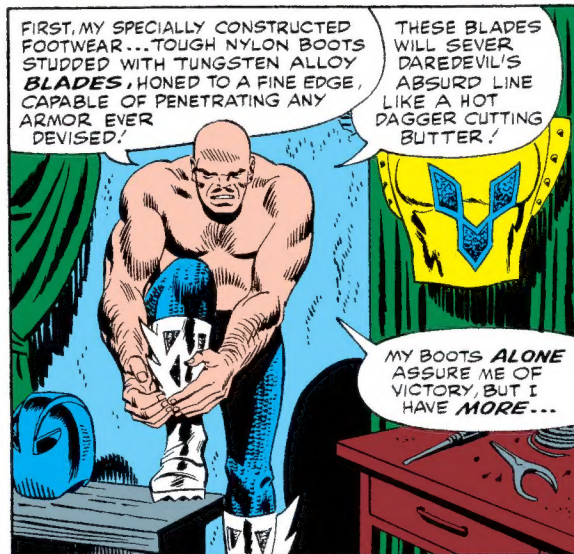
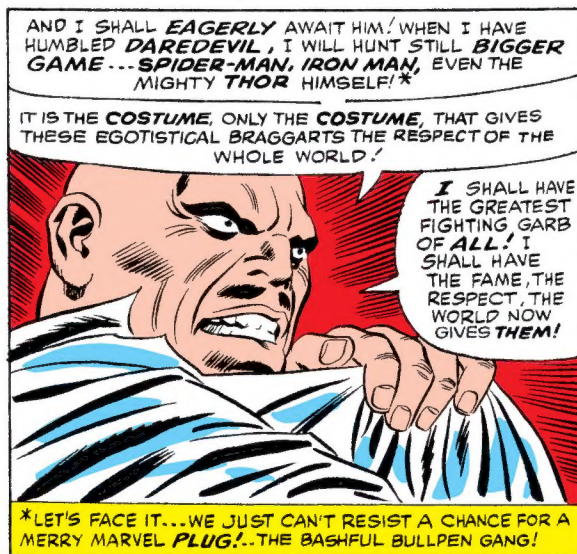
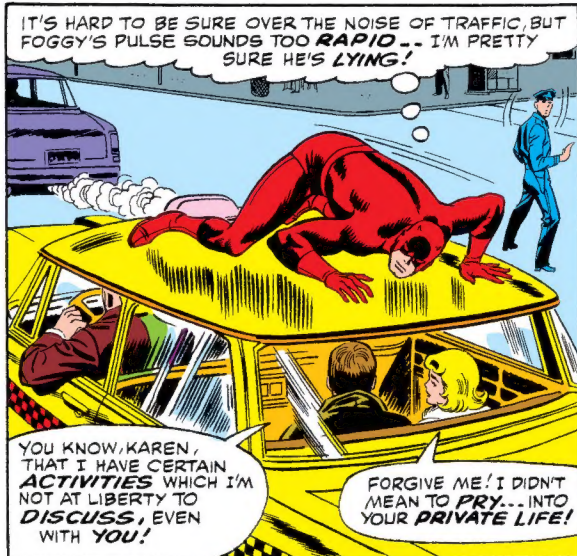
BUT, I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY CLIENTS WE HAVEN'T SEEN AT THE OFFICE RECENTLY!

I'M NOT GOING TO SEE A **CLIENT!** IT'S...IT'S **PERSONAL BUSINESS!**

IF THAT PHONY VILLAIN DOESN'T SHOW UP, I'M GOING TO LOOK LIKE AN **AWFUL SAP!**

DID YOU FOLKS HEAR SOMETHIN' ON THE ROOF? AW, I GUESS I'M JUST **IMAGININ'** THINGS!









**...THE GLADIATOR!!**

BUT, I SHALL NOT **GLOAT NOW!**  
THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR **THAT** LATER... AFTER I  
HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD HOW  
SHALLOW, HOW **PETTY**, THOSE  
CONCEITED CLODS WHO DARE  
CALL THEMSELVES **HEROES**  
REALLY ARE!

NOW I MUST HASTEN TO KEEP  
MY APPOINTMENT WITH **NELSON!**  
I WOULD NOT WANT TO DENY  
HIM THE HONOR OF BEING THE  
FIRST OF MANY TO **FALL BEFORE**  
MY MIGHT.



THE NIGHT IS *PERFECT!* DARK AND STILL! A FITTINGLY *DRAMATIC SETTING* FOR MY *DEBUT!*

AND, A PROPER NIGHT TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE *END* OF MY *COSTUMED VICTIMS!*

NOW, LET'S REJOIN THE MAN WHOSE DESTINY IS LINKED WITH THE *PSYCHOPATHIC COSTUME MAKER...*

THE CAB IS SLOWING! I'D BETTER LEAP UP HERE, BEFORE I'M SEEN!

I SMELL *SALT WATER*, AND THE KIND OF RAW LUMBER USED IN *PACKING CRATES!* WE MUST BE NEAR THE *DOCKS!*

NO HUMAN NOISES NEARBY... THE AREA IS *DESERTED!*

EVEN *MATT MURDOCK* WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO THINK THAT THE *WATER-FRONT* IS A SAFE PLACE FOR A DATE!

WITH A PRACTICED SPRING, THE SUPERBLY-CONDITIONED DAREDEVIL BACK-FLIPS TO THE TOP OF THE OVERPASS....

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT *WAIT!* I GUESS! I ONLY HOPE I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT *FOGGY* IS UP TO BEFORE HE GETS HIMSELF IN *SERIOUS TROUBLE!*

KEEP THE CHANGE, DRIVER! WE WON'T BE NEEDING YOU ANY LONGER!

IT'S SO *LONELY...* THIS IS AN ODD PLACE TO KEEP AN *APPOINTMENT...* ANY APPOINTMENT?

OKAY, BUB! YOU'RE THE BOSS! BUT I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA HANG AROUND HERE AFTER DARK!

DON'T WORRY, KAREN! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

SUDDENLY, DAREDEVIL'S UNCANNY HEARING DETECTS A FAINT, METALLIC SCRAPING...

SOMEONE IS NEXT TO WHAT MUST BE A STEEL SHED... SOMEONE MOVING *QUETLY*, TRYING NOT TO BE HEARD!

SO, *FOGGY DOES* HAVE AN *APPOINTMENT!* BUT WITH *WHOM?*

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, KAREN! YOU KNOW THAT I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU!

WHY DOESN'T THAT GUY *HURRY?*! I WANNA GET THIS OVER WITH... IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, I'M LIABLE TO RUN INTO SOME *REAL DANGER!*

THEN, AN ICY, COMMANDING VOICE SLASHES THROUGH THE STILL NIGHT AIR...

YOU HAVE COME FAR ENOUGH, *SNIVELING COWARD...*

FINALLY! I THOUGHT HE'D *NEVER* SHOW UP!

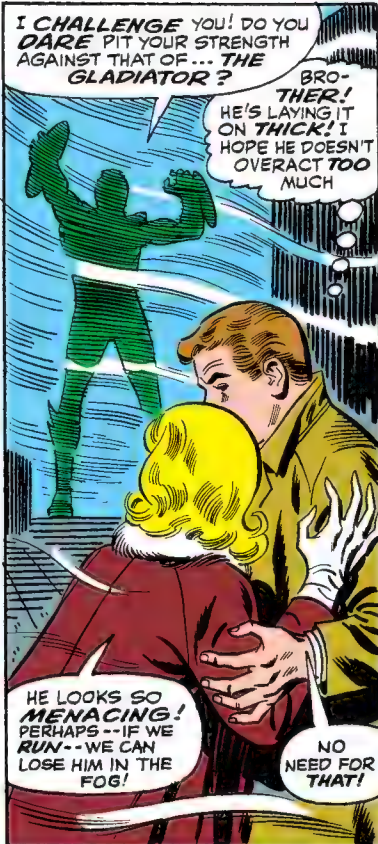
THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF A *MASTER VILLAIN*, IF I'M NOT *MISTAKEN!*

FOGGY... BE CAREFUL! PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

STAND BACK, KAREN! I'LL SEE THAT NO HARM COMES TO YOU!

IT'S *WORKING!* SHE'S GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT ME!





I CHALLENGE YOU! DO YOU DARE PIT YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST THAT OF... THE GLADIATOR?

BROTHER! HE'S LAYING IT ON THICK! I HOPE HE DOESN'T OVERACT TOO MUCH

HE LOOKS SO MENACING! PERHAPS--IF WE RUN--WE CAN LOSE HIM IN THE FOG!

NO NEED FOR THAT!



... JUST STAY BEHIND THESE CRATES, OUT OF THE WAY!

HE MAY LOOK DANGEROUS TO YOU, BUT I'M USED TO HIS KIND!

HE DOESN'T SOUND MUCH LIKE DAREDEVIL! PERHAPS HE'S SELF-CONSCIOUS BECAUSE I SUSPECT HIS IDENTITY!

I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES... DON'T MOVE!

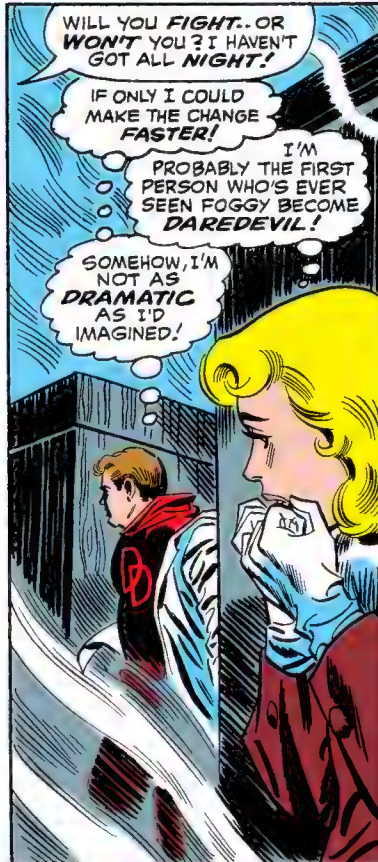


I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND! FOGGY MUST HAVE HIRED AN ACTOR TO IMPERSONATE A VILLAIN SO HE COULD IMPRESS KAREN.

HE'S REALLY GETTING CARRIED AWAY WITH THIS DAREDEVIL ACT! PRETTY SOON, HE'LL BEGIN TO BELIEVE HE'S ME!

I SHOULD HAVE WORN A DIFFERENT SUIT... THIS ONE IS TOO TIGHT WITH THE COSTUME UNDERNEATH!

THERE'S NO POINT IN MY INTERFERING NOW! I'D ONLY ADD TO THE CONFUSION! FOGGY'S IN NO REAL DANGER--AND PERHAPS WHEN KAREN SEES HIM IN ACTION, SHE'LL SEE THROUGH HIS FOOLISH ACT!



WILL YOU FIGHT..OR WON'T YOU? I HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!

IF ONLY I COULD MAKE THE CHANGE FASTER!

I'M PROBABLY THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S EVER SEEN FOGGY BECOME DAREDEVIL!

SOMEHOW, I'M NOT AS DRAMATIC AS I'D IMAGINED!



MINUTES LATER...

MY PATIENCE IS AT AN END! EITHER SHOW YOURSELF, OR CONCEDE DEFEAT!

I'LL NEVER GO TO THAT COSTUME SHOP AGAIN! THIS BLASTED MASK IS A HALF-SIZE TOO SMALL!

FOGGY SEEMS TO BE HAVING DIFFICULTIES! IF HE EVER IMPERSONATES ME IN PUBLIC, MY REPUTATION WILL BE SHOT.



ONE MORE PROBLEM TO SOLVE...WHERE DO I PUT MY CLOTHES? I PAID A HUNDRED BUCKS FOR THIS SUIT!

...AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO WRINKLE IT! NEXT TIME I STAGE A FIGHT, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THERE'S AT LEAST A PHONE BOOTH NEARBY!

I SHALL WAIT NO LONGER! I'M COMING AFTER YOU!

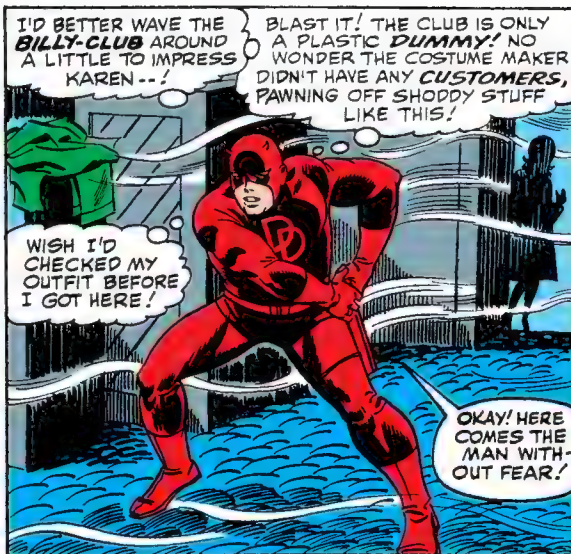




THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!  
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR  
DEFEAT, VILLAIN!

LET THE  
BATTLE BEGIN!

THE RAGE  
WITHIN ME...  
IT IS  
**GENUINE!**  
I COULDN'T  
HATE THAT  
BUFFOON  
MORE IF HE  
**WERE**  
DAREDEVIL!



I'D BETTER WAVE THE  
**BILLY CLUB** AROUND  
A LITTLE TO IMPRESS  
KAREN...

BLAST IT! THE CLUB IS ONLY  
A PLASTIC **DUMMY!** NO  
WONDER THE COSTUME MAKER  
DIDN'T HAVE ANY **CUSTOMERS**,  
PANNING OFF SHODDY STUFF  
LIKE THIS!

WISH I'D  
CHECKED MY  
OUTFIT BEFORE  
I GOT HERE!

OKAY! HERE  
COMES THE  
MAN WITH  
OUT FEAR!



NOW **THERE'S** A  
REMARK WORTHY  
OF **SPIDER-MAN!**  
I WONDER IF I  
SOUND THAT  
CORNBALL!?

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF  
THIS FARCE! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE  
FACT THAT FOGGY LEFT KAREN  
**UNPROTECTED** WHILE HE'S  
PLAYING HIS LITTLE CHARADE, I'D  
LEAVE!

YOUR DOOM IS  
AT HAND!



HE'S REALLY A  
**BIG GUY!** I  
HOPE HE REMEMBERS  
TO PULL HIS PUNCHES!

I THOUGHT YOU'D **NEVER**  
GET HERE, DAREDEVIL!

YOU'RE ABOUT  
TO **WISH** I  
DIDN'T, BY GOLLY!

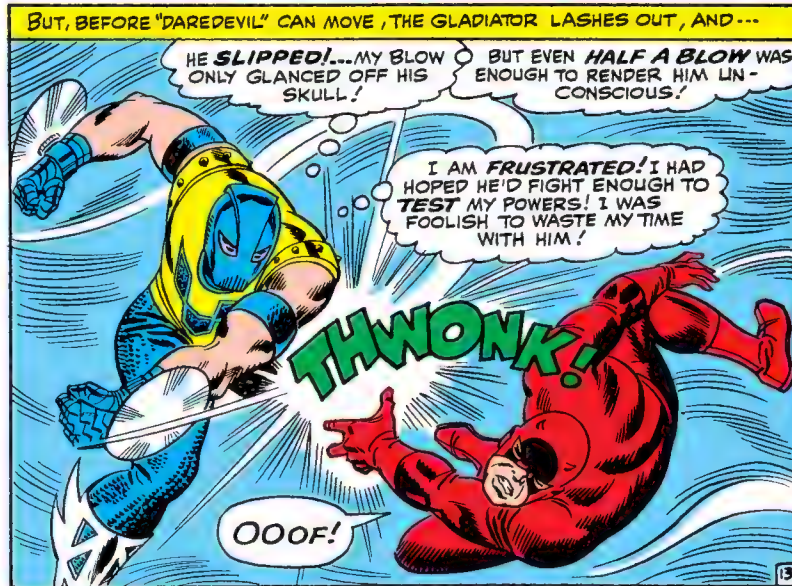
I DON'T QUITE HAVE THE  
HANG OF THE **REPARTEE!** MAYBE  
IT'LL COME WITH PRACTICE!



SUDDENLY, THE **ORIGINAL DARE-  
DEVIL'S** INCREDIBLE RADAR SENSE  
REACTS TO FOGGY'S DANGER...

SOMETHING'S **WRONG!** THE  
MAN'S EXCITED PULSE... THOSE  
STEEL BLADES I SENSE ON  
HIS CLOTHING... HE'S NOT  
**KIDDING!**

GOT TO  
**WARN**  
FOGGY...



BUT, BEFORE "DAREDEVIL" CAN MOVE, THE GLADIATOR LASHES OUT, AND...

HE **SLIPPED!**...MY BLOW  
ONLY GLANCED OFF HIS  
SKULL!

BUT EVEN **HALF A BLOW** WAS  
ENOUGH TO RENDER HIM UN-  
CONSCIOUS?

I AM **FRUSTRATED!** I HAD  
HOPED HE'D FIGHT ENOUGH TO  
**TEST** MY POWERS! I WAS  
FOOLISH TO WASTE MY TIME  
WITH HIM!

**THWONK!**

OOOF!



SEEING "DAREDEVIL" SO EASILY BEATEN, KAREN GIVES IN TO AN OVERWHELMING PANIC AND DARTS FROM HER HIDING PLACE ...

POOR FOGGY! I'VE GOT TO FIND HELP BEFORE HE'S KILLED!

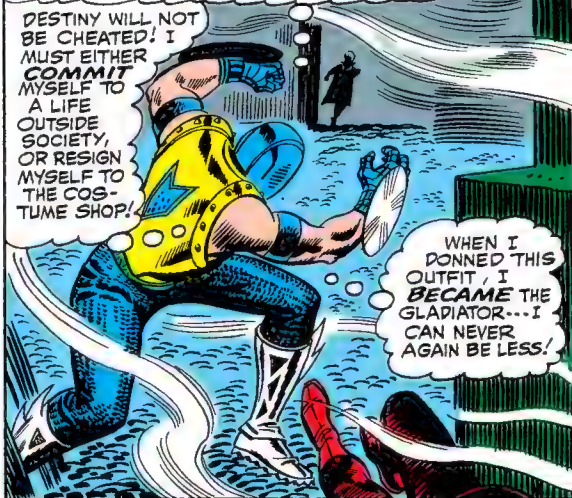
WHO...? OF COURSE! THE FOOL SAID HE WANTED TO IMPRESS A GIRL!



MY MISTAKE WAS ONLY *PLAYING* AT VILLAINY, AS THE FLABBY FOOL PLAYED AT *HEROISM*!

DESTINY WILL NOT BE CHEATED! I MUST EITHER COMMIT MYSELF TO A LIFE OUTSIDE SOCIETY, OR RESIGN MYSELF TO THE COS-TUME SHOP!

WHEN I DONNED THIS OUTFIT, I BECAME THE GLADIATOR...I CAN NEVER AGAIN BE LESS!



HIS FATEFUL DECISION MADE, THE MADDENED GLADIATOR LEAPS AFTER THE RUNNING SIL-HOUETTE OF KAREN PAGE!

I SHALL USE THE GIRL TO TRAP DAREDEVIL AND THE OTHERS! ONCE THEY ARE DESTROYED, I SHALL STAND ALONE--SUPREME, ABOVE THE COMMON, WEAK CREATURES WHO ARE HUMANITY

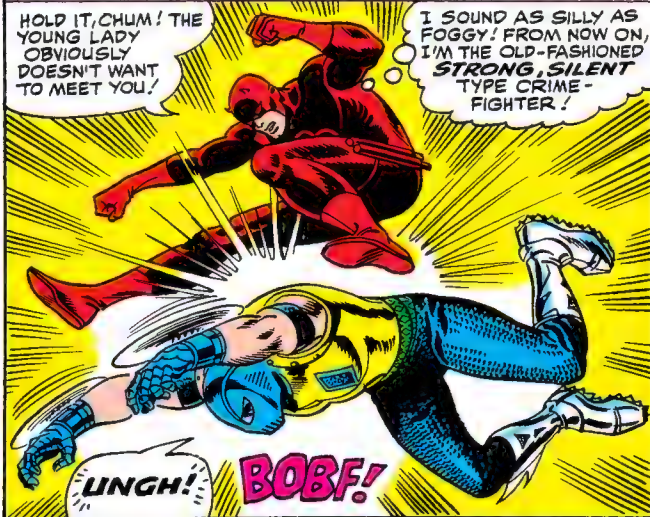
I SHALL BE ACCLAIMED BY ALL, AS THEIR MASTER!



BUT, HIS DELUDED DREAMS ARE UNCEREMONIOUSLY INTERRUPTED.

HOLD IT, CHUM! THE YOUNG LADY OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T WANT TO MEET YOU!

I SOUND AS SILLY AS FOGGY! FROM NOW ON, I'M THE OLD-FASHIONED STRONG, SILENT TYPE CRIME-FIGHTER!



ONE BLOW *DIDN'T* FINISH YOU! SO MUCH THE *BETTER*!

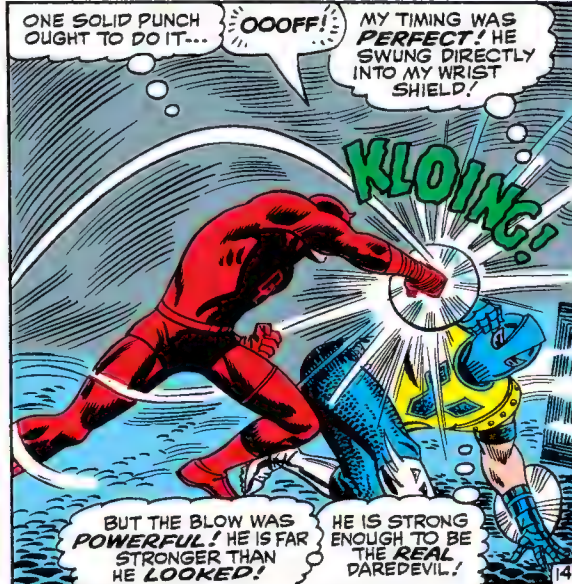
HE THINKS I'M FOGGY...WHICH IS FINE AND DANDY WITH ME, BECAUSE IT MAY MAKE HIM CARELESS! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO END THIS GAME WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE.



ONE SOLID PUNCH OUGHT TO DO IT...

OOOFF!

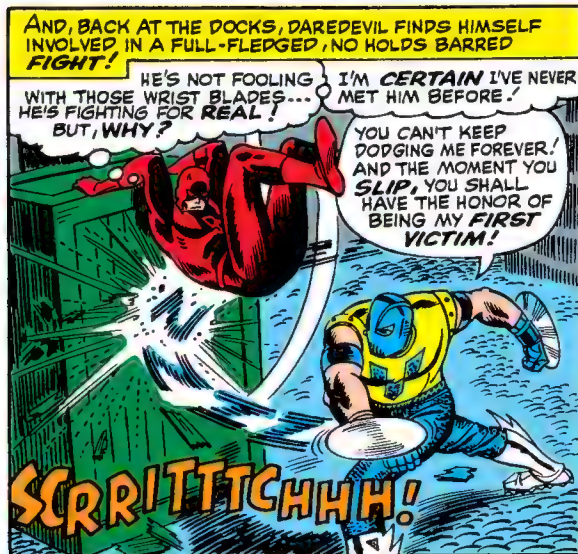
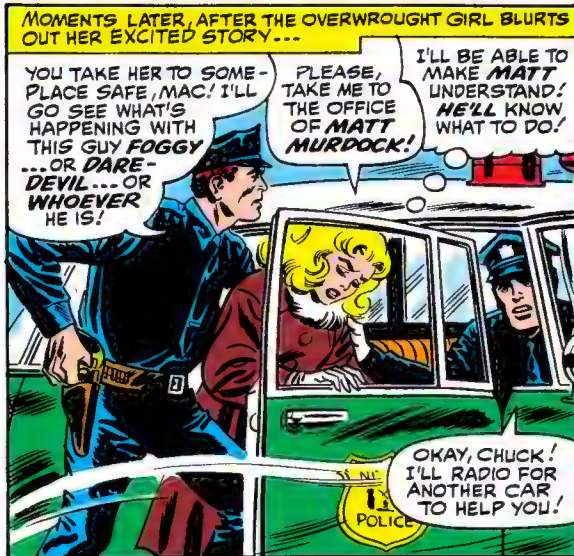
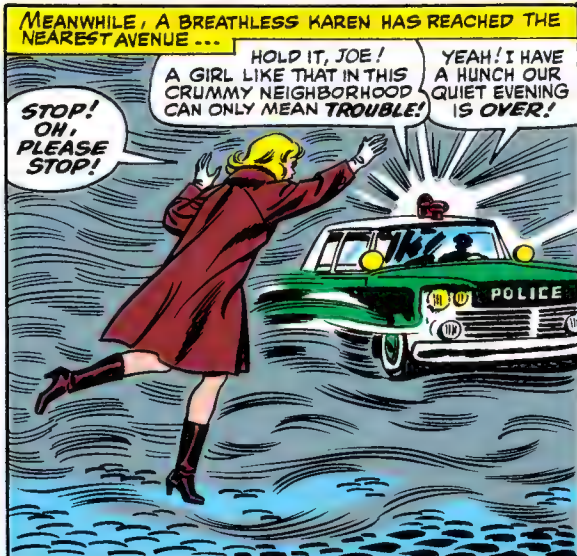
MY TIMING WAS PERFECT! HE SWUNG DIRECTLY INTO MY WRIST SHIELD!



BUT THE BLOW WAS POWERFUL! HE IS FAR STRONGER THAN HE LOOKED!

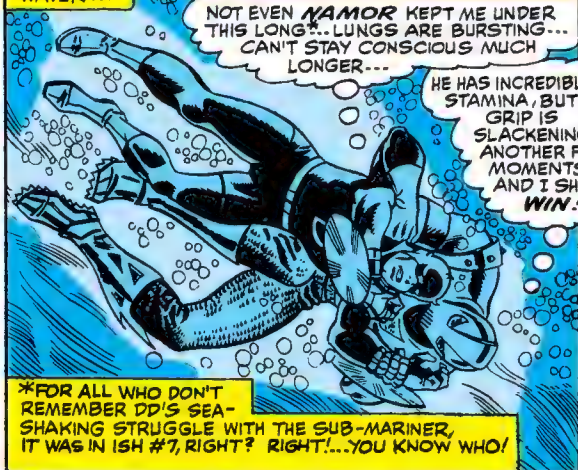
HE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO BE THE REAL DAREDEVIL!







LONG SECONDS PASS... BECOMING AGONIZED MINUTES... AS DAREDEVIL, LOCKED IN THE GLADIATOR'S RELENTLESS GRIP, SINKS EVER FURTHER INTO THE MURKY WATER...



NOT EVEN **NAMOR** KEPT ME UNDER THIS LONG... LUNGS ARE BURSTING... CAN'T STAY CONSCIOUS MUCH LONGER...

HE HAS INCREDIBLE STAMINA, BUT HIS GRIP IS SLACKENING... ANOTHER FEW MOMENTS AND I SHALL **WIN!**

\*FOR ALL WHO DON'T REMEMBER DD'S SEA-SHAKING STRUGGLE WITH THE SUB-MARINER, IT WAS IN **ISH #7**, RIGHT? RIGHT!... YOU KNOW WHO!

WHILE, ON THE PIER ABOVE, SEVERAL PUZZLED POLICEMEN CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, UNAWARE OF THE MORTAL CONTEST OCCURRING IN THE WATER, JUST A FEW YARDS AWAY... OR OF THE STILL, COSTUMED FORM OF FOGGY NELSON, LYING JUST OUT OF SIGHT!

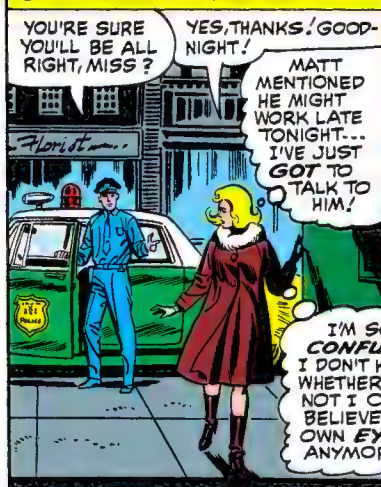


IF DAREDEVIL **WAS** HERE, HE'S CUT OUT!

IF YOU ASK ME, THAT GAL YOU TALKED TO WAS HAVING **HALLUCINATIONS?**

WE'D BETTER STICK AROUND ANYWAY, JUST IN CASE SOMETHING DEVELOPS!

AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, KAREN ARRIVES AT A FAMILIAR OFFICE-BUILDING IN MID-MANHATTAN...



YOU'RE SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MISS?

YES, THANKS! GOOD-NIGHT!

MATT MENTIONED HE MIGHT WORK LATE TONIGHT... I'VE JUST GOT TO TALK TO HIM!

I'M SO **CONFUSED!** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I CAN BELIEVE MY OWN **EYES** ANYMORE!

AFTER A BRIEF ELEVATOR RIDE TO AN UPPER FLOOR, KAREN USES HER KEY TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE **MURDOCK AND NELSON** RECEPTION ROOM...

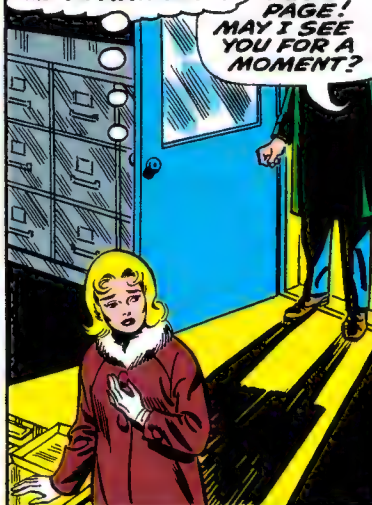


MATT? ARE YOU **HERE??**

THERE'S NO LIGHT ON IN HIS OFFICE! HE MUST HAVE ALREADY **LEFT!**

PERHAPS I CAN CALL HIS **APARTMENT!**

**ON MISS PAGE!** MAY I SEE YOU FOR A **MOMENT?**



FORGIVE MY INTRUDING! I'M MR. DUNN, THE **BUILDING MANAGER!** WHEN I SAW YOU COME IN, I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING **WRONG!** IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN **DO?**

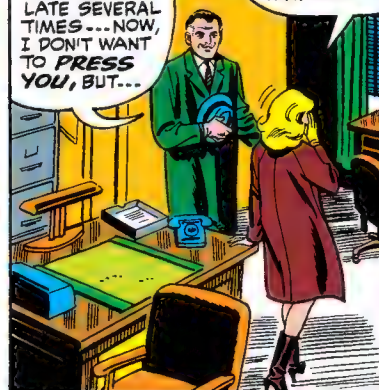


NO... NO, THANK YOU! I THOUGHT MATT MURDOCK MIGHT BE WORKING LATE!

NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ALL EVENING!

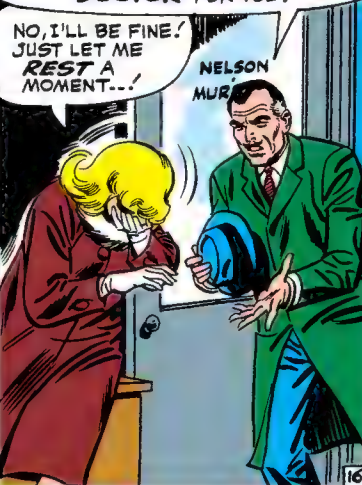
WHILE YOU'RE HERE, I THOUGHT WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE **RENT!** THE RECORDS SHOW YOU'VE PAID IT LATE SEVERAL TIMES... NOW, I DON'T WANT TO **PRESS** YOU, BUT...

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D RATHER POSTPONE THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE MORNING...! I'M NOT FEELING VERY WELL...



SUDDENLY, KAREN IS OVERCOME BY WORRY AND EXHAUSTION...

**MISS PAGE!** LET ME CALL A **DOCTOR** FOR YOU!

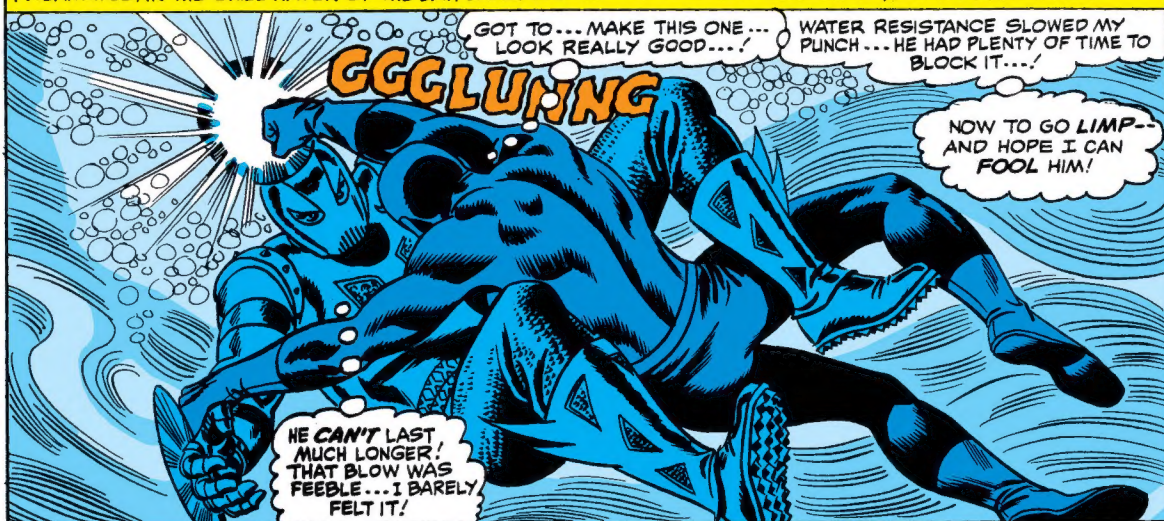


NO, I'LL BE FINE! JUST LET ME **REST** A MOMENT...!

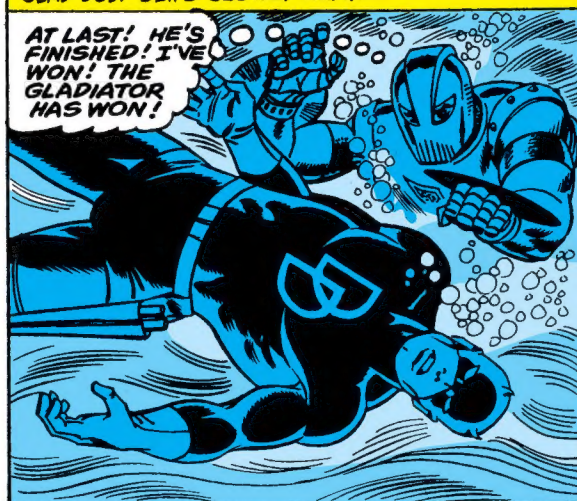
NELSON MURDOCK



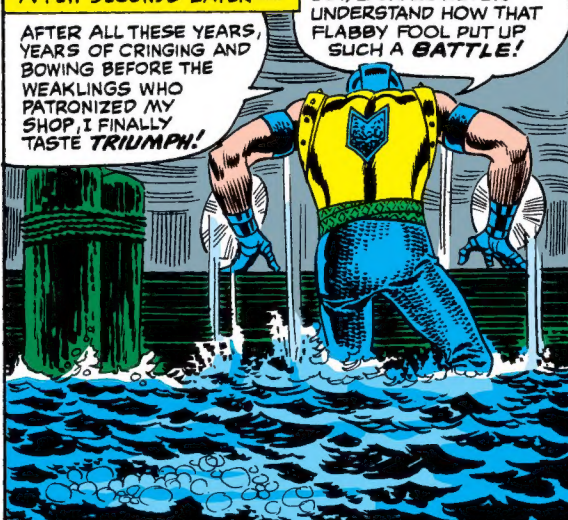
MEANWHILE, IN THE CHILL WATER OF THE BAY, DAREDEVIL RESORTS TO ONE DESPERATE, FINAL MANEUVER...



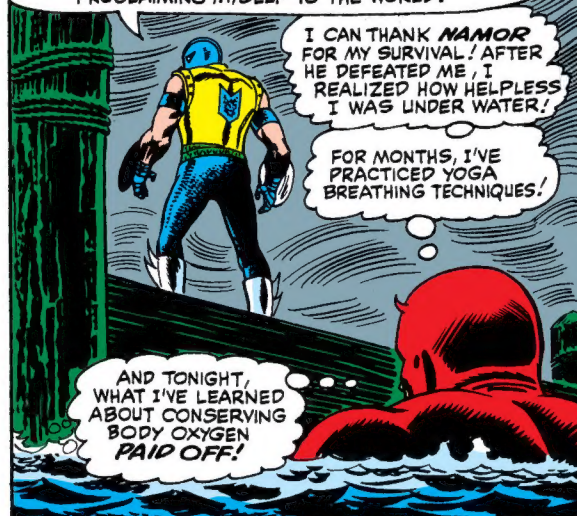
THEN, THE POWERFUL MUSCLES RELAX, AND THE CRIMSON-CLAD BODY SLIPS SLOWLY AWAY...



A FEW SECONDS LATER...



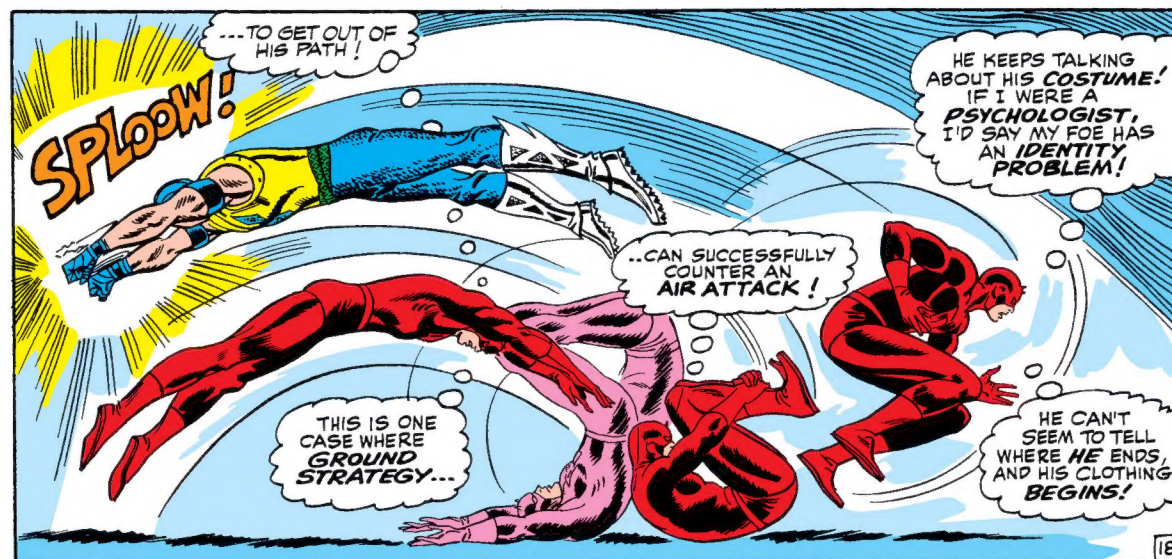
THE GIRL HAS FLED, BUT NO MATTER! SHE WAS MERELY A PAWN! THERE ARE **OTHER, BETTER** MEANS OF PROCLAIMING MYSELF TO THE WORLD!



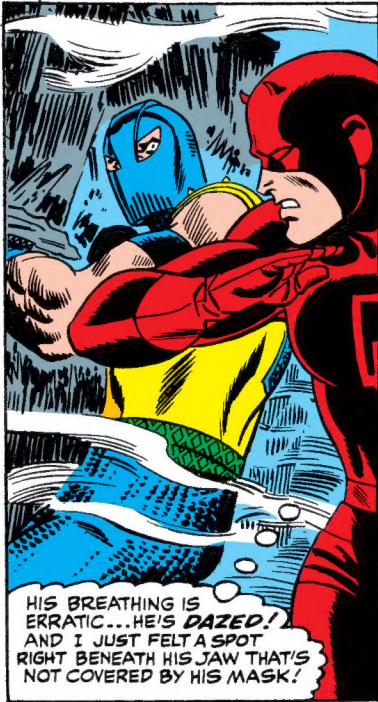
OKAY, GLADIATOR!  
IT'S TIME FOR  
ROUND TWO!











HIS BREATHING IS ERRATIC... HE'S **DAZED!** AND I JUST FELT A SPOT RIGHT BENEATH HIS JAW THAT'S NOT COVERED BY HIS MASK!



WHICH IS MY CUE TO **END** THIS LITTLE SQUARE DANCE!

HE SHOULD BE OUT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO FIND **FOGGY...** AND PERHAPS FIND OUT **WHO** AND **WHY** I'VE BEEN BATTLING!

UNNN...!



**POLICE!** KAREN MUST HAVE GOTTEN TO SAFETY AND CALLED THEM!

THEY'LL PROBABLY ASK A LOT OF EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS... QUESTIONS THAT I CAN'T ANSWER!

**OVER THERE!** I CAN SEE A PATCH OF **RED** THROUGH THE HAZE!

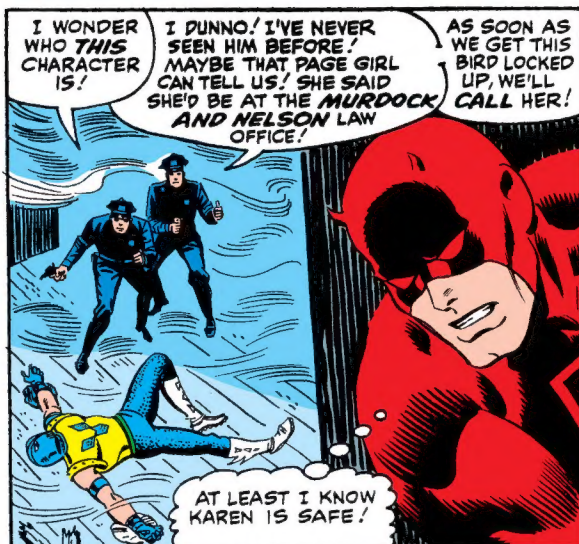


I SAW HIM GO OVER THOSE CRATES! ONLY **DAREDEVIL** COULD MAKE **THAT** KINDA JUMP!

I'LL LET THE **AUTHORITIES** QUESTION **GLADIATOR!** THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCOVER HIS IDENTITY A LOT FASTER THAN I COULD!

FOGGY'S OKAY... I HEAR HIM GROANING!

I HOPE THE **GLADIATOR'S** PUNCH KNOCKED SOME **SENSE** INTO HIM!

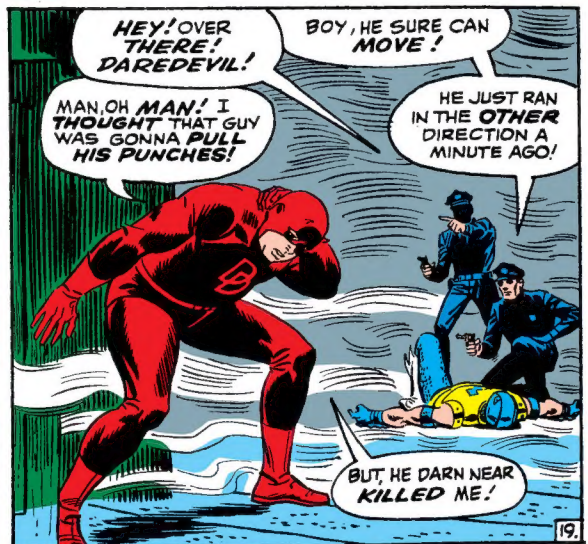


I WONDER WHO **THIS** CHARACTER IS!

I DUNNO! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE! MAYBE THAT **PAGE GIRL** CAN TELL US! SHE SAID SHE'D BE AT THE **MURDOCK AND NELSON** LAW OFFICE!

AS SOON AS WE GET THIS **BIRD** LOCKED UP, WE'LL CALL HER!

AT LEAST I KNOW **KAREN** IS SAFE!



**HEY!** OVER THERE! **DAREDEVIL!**

BOY, HE SURE CAN MOVE!

MAN, OH MAN! I THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS GONNA **PULL** HIS PUNCHES!

HE JUST RAN IN THE **OTHER** DIRECTION A MINUTE AGO!

BUT HE DARN NEAR **KILLED** ME!





WHAT WAS THIS GUY UP TO, DAREDEVIL?

UP TO? UH, I DON'T KNOW!

YOU DON'T KNOW! DO YOU USUALLY CLOBBER PEOPLE FOR NO REASON?

ME? WELL, OF COURSE NOT! I WAS... ON PATROL... THAT'S IT! AND HE LOOKED SUSPICIOUS!

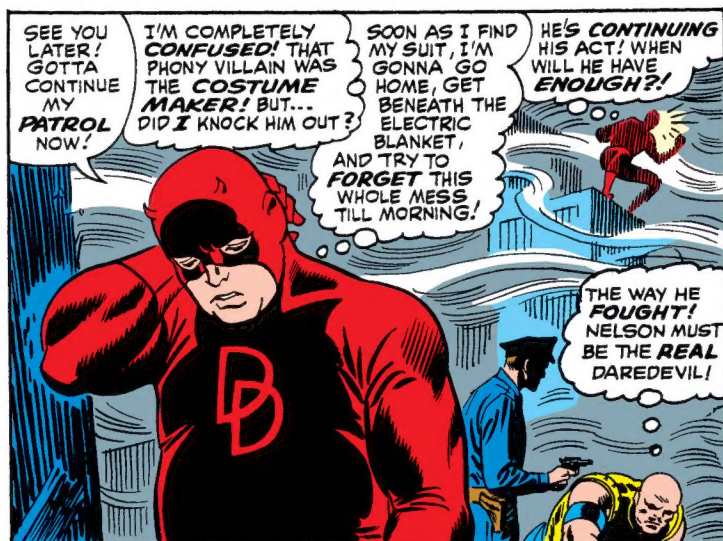


SAY! I NEVER THOUGHT DAREDEVIL WOULD BE SO FLABBY!

THERE WAS A GIRL! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

MISS PAGE? SHE'S AT THE OFFICE WHERE SHE WORKS!

YOU SEEM PRETTY MUDDLED, DAREDEVIL! MAYBE YOU OUGHTA GO TAKE A BREATH!



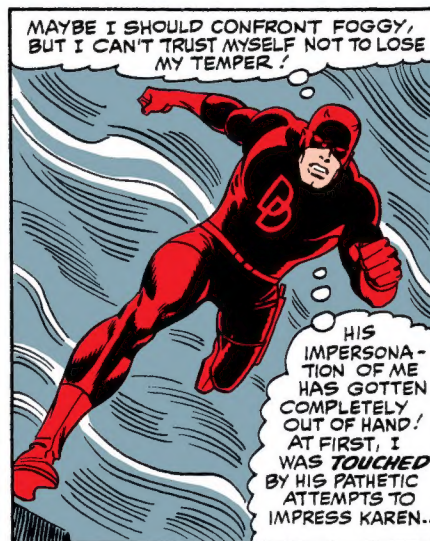
SEE YOU LATER! GOTTA CONTINUE MY PATROL NOW!

I'M COMPLETELY CONFUSED! THAT PHONY VILLAIN WAS THE COSTUME MAKER! BUT... DID I KNOCK HIM OUT?

SOON AS I FIND MY SUIT, I'M GONNA GO HOME, GET BENEATH THE ELECTRIC BLANKET, AND TRY TO FORGET THIS WHOLE MESS TILL MORNING!

HE'S CONTINUING HIS ACT! WHEN WILL HE HAVE ENOUGH?!

THE WAY HE FOUGHT! NELSON MUST BE THE REAL DAREDEVIL!



MAYBE I SHOULD CONFRONT FOGGY, BUT I CAN'T TRUST MYSELF NOT TO LOSE MY TEMPER!

HIS IMPERSONATION OF ME HAS GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND! AT FIRST, I WAS TOUCHED BY HIS PATHETIC ATTEMPTS TO IMPRESS KAREN...



BUT NOW...HE'S GONE TOO FAR! HE'S ENDANGERED HIMSELF AND KAREN... AND HE'S MADE ME LOOK LIKE THE WORLD'S PRIZE BOOB!

MUCH OF MY EFFECTIVENESS AS A FORCE FOR JUSTICE DEPENDS ON THE RESPECT OF BOTH THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES AND THE UNDERWORLD!

IF FOGGY INSISTS ON MAINTAINING HIS DAREDEVIL ROLE, I'LL BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY!

MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT KAREN SAW ENOUGH TONIGHT TO EXPOSE FOGGY'S ABSURD PLAY-ACTING!

HIS BLASTED PRIDE WILL JUST HAVE TO SUFFER!



VIOLENTLY, ANGRILY, DAREDEVIL SKIMS ACROSS THE SKYLINE, UNTIL HE REACHES HIS OFFICE! THERE, HE ASSUMES HIS OTHER IDENTITY ONCE MORE... AND MEETS THE BUILDING MANAGER...

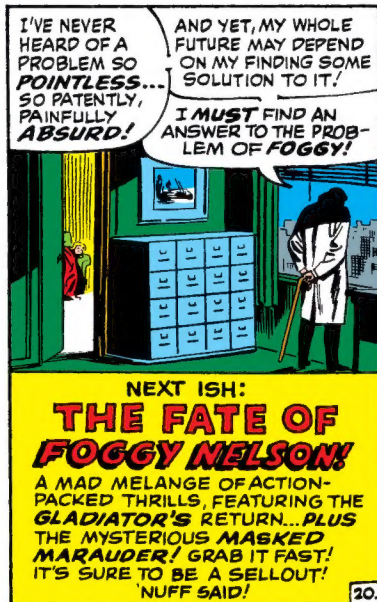
THE DOCTOR SAID MISS PAGE WILL BE ALL RIGHT?

YES... SHE'S OBVIOUSLY SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS FATIGUE! SHE'LL BE GOOD AS NEW IN THE MORNING, I'M SURE!

BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE I MIGHT CONTACT MR. NELSON, YOUR PARTNER? I HAVE SOME PERSONAL BUSINESS WITH HIM!

HE'LL PROBABLY BE IN TOMORROW!

WELL, MY BUSINESS WILL WAIT! GOOD NIGHT, MR. MURDOCK!



I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PROBLEM SO POINTLESS... SO PATENTLY, PAINFULLY ABSURD!

AND YET, MY WHOLE FUTURE MAY DEPEND ON MY FINDING SOME SOLUTION TO IT!

I MUST FIND AN ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF FOGGY!

## NEXT ISH: THE FATE OF FOGGY NELSON!

A MAD MELANGE OF ACTION-PACKED THRILLS, FEATURING THE **GLADIATOR'S** RETURN... PLUS THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED **MARAUDER**! GRAB IT FAST! IT'S SURE TO BE A SELLOUT! NUFF SAID!